

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kovesdi et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0155413) in view of Andrews et al. (U.S. Publication 2004/0061646).

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 under §103(a), the Examiner states that Kovesdi et al. in view of Andrews et al. renders the claims unpatentable. Kovesdi et al. discloses a system and method for authoring and providing information relevant to a physical world; and, Andrews et al. discloses methods and apparatus for location determination based on dispersed radio frequency tags.

Claim 1 recites, in part, directional tagging said classified information with directional tags for spatial presentation, and consulting the directional tags to audibly present each class from a different position in space based on the directional tags. Information is tagged with directional tags. The tagging is directional tagging. Directional tagging presents categorized audio information to specific locations in a listener's aural field and allows the listener to navigate through this directionally tagged information. See for example Specification at page 3, lines 24-27, and page 5, lines 1-5.

The Examiner cites the combination of Kovesdi et al. and Andrews et al. as teaching directional tagging said classified information for spatial presentation. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Kovesdi et al. relates to a system that visually presents the location of physical locations and objects, as illustrated in FIG. 1 and its description. Kovesdi et al. uses RFID tags attached to physical locations and physical objects to locate the locations and objects.

First, by definition, attaching a physical RFID tag to a physical location or a physical

object is not and cannot be equated with the directional tagging of information as defined by the claims and written description of the present application. The use of the word “tag” is not in and of itself enough to equate the two distinct processes.

Second, Kovesdi et al. teaches that its physical objects are tagged to illustrate their location on a visual display. The claims of the present application recite that information is directionally tagged, that is, the information is tagged to identify a particular spatial direction from which to audibly output the tagged information. Each class is audibly presented from a different position in space based on the directional tagging. Visually displaying location information is not and cannot be equated with directionally tagging information to be audibly output from a particular direction.

The Examiner alleges that Andrews et al. audibly presents classes from different positions in space. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Andrews et al., like Kovesdi et al., is concerned with the visual display of the location of physical objects. Andrews et al. classifies the physical RFID tags themselves. Andrews et al. does not classify information.

Also, Andrews et al. may audibly output information telling a listener of the location of a physical location or physical object, but this is in no way audibly outputting information, the direction of the output of the audible information being based on a classification of the information as recited in the claims of the present application.

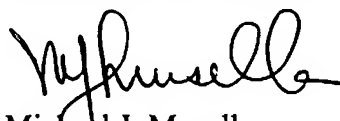
The Combination of Kovesdi et al. and Andrews et al. does not audibly present information from different positions in space based on initial classifications of the information as presented in Claims 1, 9 and 18.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 9 and 18 under §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-17, 19 and 21-26, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-17, 19 and 21-26 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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